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In re Application of :  
Mabrouk Ouederni and Paul L. Latten :  
Application No. 10/721,964 : LETTER  
Filed: November 25, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 2000-16 CIP-2 :  
Title: AIR-LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW :  
SYNTHETIC FIBERS :

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

This is in response to the second renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)<sup>1</sup>, filed May 17, 2004.

On November 25, 2003, the application was deposited, identifying Mabrouk Quederni and Paul L. Latten as joint inventors. The application was deposited without a fully executed oath or declaration<sup>2</sup>. The instant petition was submitted along with the filing of the application.

The original petition, filed November 25, 2003, was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on March 8, 2004, for failure to establish that diligent efforts were made to locate the non-signing inventor.

1 A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires:

- (1) the petition fee of \$130;
- (2) a surcharge of either \$65 or \$130 if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.16(e);
- (3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
- (4) either
  - a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
  - b) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort;
- (5) a declaration which complies with 37 CFR §1.63.

2 Joint inventor Ouederni did not execute the declaration.

On May 3, 2003, a renewed petition was submitted, which was granted via the mailing of a decision on May 11, 2004.

On May 17, 2004, a communication was received from the Petitioner, which set forth that the non-singing inventor had been located. A copy of a letter which was sent to the non-signing inventor was included, along with a request to withdraw the previously mailed decision which granted his petition.

Petitioner's request is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner makes reference to a declaration which has been executed by the non-signing inventor, but this declaration did not accompany the petition.

Any response may be submitted by mail<sup>3</sup>, hand-delivery<sup>4</sup>, or facsimile<sup>5</sup>.

See Request for Alert Concerning Submitted Petitions, 1282 Official Gazette (May 18, 2004) for information on how to ensure that your submission is delivered to the undersigned.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.



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<sup>4</sup> Customer Window, Mail Stop Petition, Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

<sup>5</sup> (703) 872-9306 - please note this is a central facsimile number, and as such, there will be a delay in the delivery of the facsimile to the undersigned.